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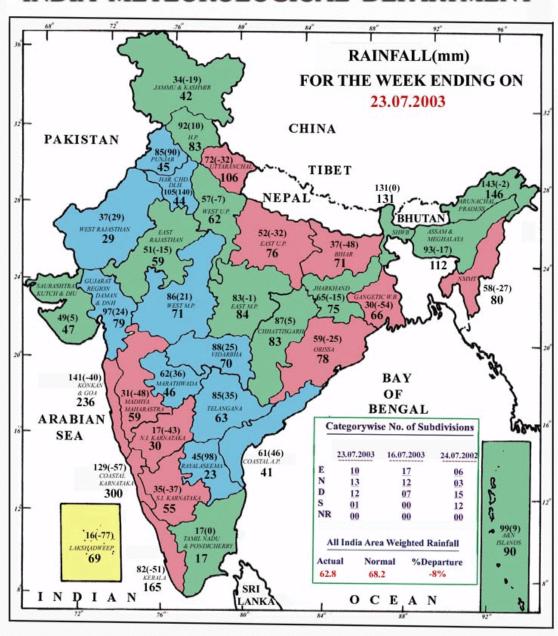
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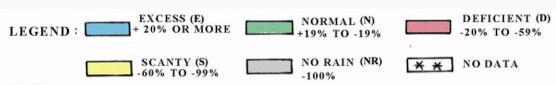
The monsoon continues unabated across most of India.

There was general progress of the monsoon during the week ending July 23, with 20 subdivisions receiving normal precipitation compared with 12 during the previous week (Map 1). Excess rains have been received by Punjab (wheat and cotton) along with its neighboring areas of West Rajasthan, Delhi and Haryana. South Interior Karnataka (rice) is still experiencing below-normal rainfall.

Cumulative rainfall from June 1 to July 23 was normal or above normal in 22 of the 36 weather subdivisions, compared with 31 in the previous week (Map 2). There was a major slow down in the progress of the monsoon in 11 subdivisions which received 20 percent or more belownormal rains. This was most prevalent in the areas of the north and south interiors of Karnataka, Coastal Karnataka, Kerala, Uttranchal, East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orrisa, Madhya Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Konakan and Goa.

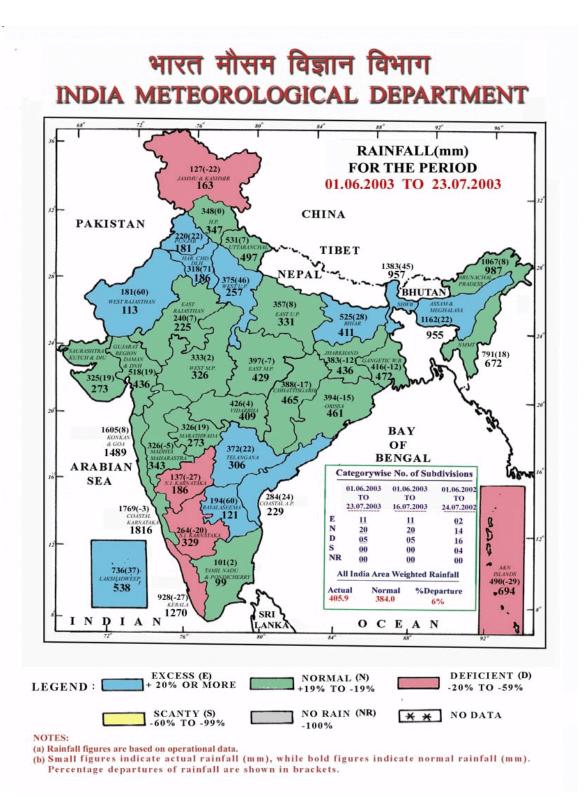
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NOTES:

- (a) Rainfall figures are based on operational data.
- (b) Small figures indicate actual rainfall (mm), while bold figures indicate normal rainfall (mm). Percentage departures of rainfall are shown in brackets.



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